August 4, 2011

The Honorable Patrick R. Donahoe Postmaster General, U.S. Postal Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW Room 10802 Washington, D.C. 20260-3500

Dear Postmaster General Donahoe:

I am contacting you today concerning the recent announcement by the United States Postal Service (U.S.P.S.) that it will conduct a study to close upwards of 3,700 post offices, including five in the 29th Congressional District of Texas. As a strong supporter of our Postal Service, I was shocked at the impact of this decision on our urban minority district.

Each of these post offices, listed below, are a highly valued part of our district and serve urban and underrepresented communities that have been traditionally underserved by the federal government. As someone who has lived in Houston all his life and has represented the Northside and Eastside for decades, I can personally vouch that these post offices are highly valued and an important part of our local economy.

The post offices in the 29th Congressional District that were published in the "Expanded Access study list" include:

Denver Harbor - 5901 Market Street, Houston, TX 77020

Harrisburg - 8330 Manchester Street, Houston, TX 77012

Irvington – 7825 Fulton Street, Houston, TX 77022

Park Place – 5302 Galveston Road, Houston, TX 77017

John Foster – 1520 Richey Street, Pasadena, TX 77502

I ask you to strongly consider all the factors that these important centers of our community provide before the Postal Service elects to take further action.

Sincerely,

Gene Green Member of Congress

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